

Application Serial No.: 10/614,810
Reply to Office Action dated January 19, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are presently active in this case, Claims 1, 3, and 4 having been amended by way of the present Amendment.

Claims 5-20 are allowed.

Claims 3 and 4 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent including all of the limitations of base Claim 1. Therefore, Claim 3 and Claim 4 that depends therefrom are in condition for allowance. Additionally, the subject matter of allowable Claim 4 has been incorporated into base Claim 1. Thus, the Applicant submits that the art rejections of Claims 1 and 2 are moot. Accordingly, the claims are in condition for allowance.

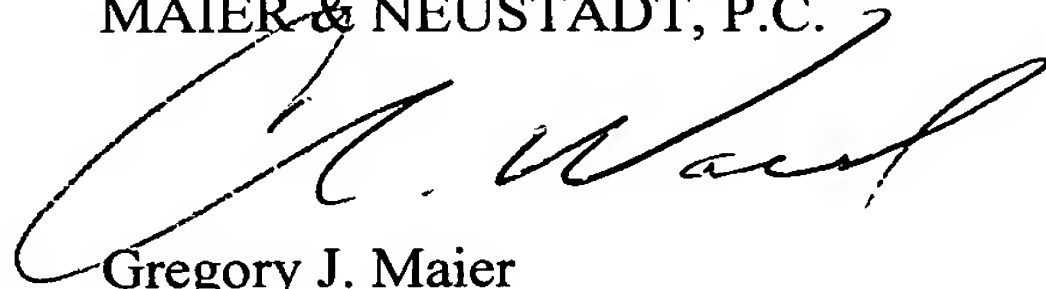
The Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments set forth herein since the amendments merely place the allowable subject matter into condition for allowance, render the outstanding rejections moot, and do not raise any new issues on the merits.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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